

Everybody Needs Somebody

*"Me, Myself And Why?" Part 2 of 2
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*"The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone.'"
(Genesis 2:18a, NIV)*

I) THE PROBLEM: __INDIVIDUAL ISOLATION__.

*"I observed yet another example of meaninglessness in our world. This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, 'Who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now?' It is all so meaningless and depressing."
(Ecclesiastes 4:7-8, NLT)*

II) THE SOLUTION: __CLOSE COMMUNITY__.

*"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work."
(Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV)*

III) THE BENEFIT: __A SUPPORT SYSTEM__.

1) You'll find __HELP UP__ when you fall down.

*"If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble."
(Ecclesiastes 4:10, NLT)*

2) You'll find __WARMTH__ when life turns cold.

*"Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?"
(Ecclesiastes 4:11, NIV)*

3) You'll find __STRENGTH__ when attacks make you weak.

*"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."
(Ecclesiastes 4:12, NIV)*

IV) THE PROCESS: __STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS__.

Finding "Somebody" In Your World

1) Take __THE INITIATIVE TO SHOW LOVE TO PEOPLE__.

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
(John 13:34, NIV)*

2) Make __FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHERS A PRIORITY__.

*"Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do..."
(Hebrews 10:23-25a, NLT)*

3) Get __PLUGGED INTO A COMMUNITY GROUP__.

*"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people."
(Acts 2:46-47a, NIV)*

4) Find __A TRUSTED FRIEND TO SHARE LIFE WITH__.

*"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."
(Proverbs 18:24, NIV)*